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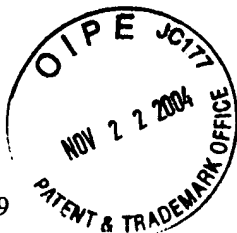
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Takayuki URATA, et al.

Application No.: 09/608,169

Filed: June 30, 2000



Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure
Customer Number: 20277

Confirmation Number: 9745

Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: M.A. PATTERSON

For: VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR, HOT INSULATING DEVICE USING VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR, AND
ELECTRIC WATER HEATER

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	61	64	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	9	9	0	\$88.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
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Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to Office Action dated August 25, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: